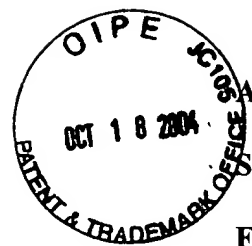


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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 19, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 that the above-identified Application be amended as follows and that the Application be allowed.

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